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IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

OSAMU KAKINUMA : EXAMINER: BOCHNA, D.

SERIAL NO: 09/956,912 : :

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FOR: BRANCH PIPE JOINT AND :  
METHOD OF CONNECTING  
PIPES USING THE PIPE JOINT

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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SIR:  
 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Petition For Extension of Time (1)

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